

# Experimental Aspects of Deep-Inelastic Scattering

### **Kinematics, Techniques and Detectors**



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### **DIS** Introduction



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**G** Fixed-target experiment: Endstation A at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC)





# **DIS Introduction**

Collider experiment: Electron-Proton collisions at HERA (DESY, Hamburg, Germany)





Equivalent to fixed target of  $E_e = 50600 \text{ GeV}$ :











Elektron

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#### DIS major event classes



Neutrino







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Proton



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#### Diffractive events





 Dipole models: Successful description of inclusive and various diffractive measurements (e.g. Ratio of diffractive to inclusive cross-section, Diffractive Vector-Meson production)

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 $\propto \alpha_s^2 \left[g(x,Q^2)\right]^2$ 

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Dirac Cross-Section (Electron-Mass M (Spin 1/2) Particle scattering)

 ${\ensuremath{ \circ }}$  Recoil: E' is kinematically determined by E and  $\theta$ 

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + (2E/Mc^2)\sin^2(\theta/2)}$$
$$M \to \infty \quad E' = E$$

• Scattering process:  $2 \rightarrow 2$ 

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \left(\frac{\hbar E'}{8\pi M c E}\right)^2 \langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle$$



Dirac Cross-Section:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\alpha^2 \hbar^2 c^2}{4E^2 \sin^4(\theta/2)} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E'}{E} \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \frac{q^2}{2M^2 c^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$
Impact of electron-spin Impact of target-spin (mass M)



Mott Cross-Section (Electron-Heavy Mass M (Spin 1/2) Particle scattering)

• Mott condition: Electron scatters off a much heavier spin 1/2 particle of mass

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{M} \gg \mathsf{m} \\ & & & \\ \hline p_1 \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} p_3 \\ \hline p_1 | = |\vec{p}_3| = |\vec{p}| \\ p_1 | = |\vec{p}_3| = |\vec{p}| \\ p_1 = \left(\frac{E}{c}, \vec{p}_1\right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} p_2 = \left(Mc, \vec{0}\right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \hline p_3 = \left(\frac{E}{c}, \vec{p}_3\right) \\ p_3 = \left(\frac{E}{c}, \vec{p}_3\right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} p_4 = \left(Mc, \vec{0}\right) \end{array}$$

• Calculate four-vector combinations:

$$Q^{2} = -q^{2} = -(p_{1} - p_{3})^{2} = 4\vec{p}^{2}\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$(p_{1} \cdot p_{3}) = m^{2}c^{2} + 2\vec{p}^{2}\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$(p_{1} \cdot p_{2})(p_{3} \cdot p_{4}) = (p_{1} \cdot p_{4})(p_{2} \cdot p_{3}) = (ME)^{2}$$
$$(p_{2} \cdot p_{4}) = (Mc)^{2}$$

$$\begin{split} \langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle &= \frac{8g_e^4}{(p_1 - p_3)^4} \times \\ [(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3) - \\ (p_1 \cdot p_3)(Mc)^2 - (p_2 \cdot p_4)(mc)^2 + \\ 2(mMc^2)^2] \end{split}$$



#### Summary

• Re-write Dirac cross-section using the Mott cross-section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{\alpha^2 \hbar^2 c^2}{4E^2 \sin^4(\theta/2)} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \left\{\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \frac{q^2}{2M^2 c^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right\}$$
  
with:  $q^2 = -4(E/c)(E'/c) \sin^2(\theta/2)$ 

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Dirac} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \left\{1 - \frac{q^2}{2M^2c^2} \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right\}$$
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Dirac} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} \cos^2(\theta/2) \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \left\{1 - \frac{q^2}{2M^2c^2} \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right\}$$

Note:

- $\circ$  This is the result we would obtain if the proton would be a Dirac particle: M=m<sub>p</sub>
- Modifications to Rutherford cross-section: Relativistic effects (SPIN effects: Probe and Target

(Negligible for very heavy target)!



### Elastic ep scattering (1)

• Recall:

 $\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \frac{(4\pi\alpha)^2}{q^4} L_{\text{electron}}^{\mu\nu} L_{\mu\nu,\text{Dirac particle M}}$ 

Feynman graph:

Note: The proton cannot be just a Dirac particle (g=2)!



Dirac-particle tensor

#### Therefore: ep scattering Leptonic tensor $p_3$ $p_1$ $p_1$ EIC Collaboration Meeting at SUNY Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY, January 10, 2010 We do not know exactly how this tensor looks like, but: $\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \frac{(4\pi\alpha)^2}{q^4} L_{electron}^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu, proton}$ Hadronic tensor Bend Surrow

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Elastic ep scattering (2)

• High-energy limit:

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{(4\pi\alpha c)^2}{4EE'\sin^4(\theta/2)}\right) \left\{ 2K_1 \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + K_2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right\}$$





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Elastic ep scattering (3)

$$\frac{K_2}{4M^2} = \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \qquad \frac{2K_1}{4M^2} = 2\tau G_M^2 \qquad \tau = -q^2/4M^2$$

Summary Rosenbluth formula



Note: For heavy target: Contribution from  $G^2_{M}$  term negligible:

$$\tau = -q^2/4M^2 \to 0$$

For  $G_{M}^{2} = 1$  and  $G_{E}^{2} = 1$  this reduces to the well-known Dirac particle case::

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4(\theta/2)} \frac{E'}{E} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left(1 + 2\tau \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)$$



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### Elastic ep scattering (4)

 Scattering of electron (Spin 1/2) on pointcharge charge (Spin 0): Mott cross-section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott}^{*} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} \cdot \cos^{2}(\theta/2)$$

Take into account finite charge distribution:
 Form factor

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{exp} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)^*_{Mott} \cdot \left|F(q^2)\right|^2$$
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)^*_{Mott} \frac{E'}{E}$$





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### Elastic ep scattering (5)

• Scattering of electron (Spin 1/2) on proton (Spin 1/2)





#### Inelastic ep scattering (1)

• Simplify this: Massless electron (m=0) of energy E strikes a stationary proton of mass M:

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2) - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2} &= ME \\ |\vec{p}_3| &= E'/c \\ d^3 \vec{p}_3 &= |\vec{p}_3|^2 d |\vec{p}_3| d\Omega \\ E' &= E_3 \\ & \underbrace{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE' d\Omega}\right) = \left(\frac{\alpha \hbar}{cq^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) L^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Leptonic tensor}} \\ & \text{Hadronic tensor} \end{split}$$

O Note:

- $\bullet$  E' is no longer kinematically determined by E and  $\theta$
- The total hadronic momentum can vary and is no longer constrained, i.e.:

$$p_{tot}^2 \neq M^2 c^2$$

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#### Inelastic ep-scattering (2)

- 0 Goal: Measure differential cross section in a particular energy range dE'
- Leptonic tensor:  $L_{\text{electron}}^{\mu\nu} = 2\{p_1^{\mu}p_3^{\nu} + p_1^{\nu}p_3^{\mu} + g^{\mu\nu}[(mc)^2 (p_1 \cdot p_3)]\}$ 0
- Ansatz for hadronic tensor:  $W_{\mu\nu,\,\text{proton}} = -W_1 g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{W_2}{(Mc)^2} p_\mu p_\nu + \frac{W_4}{(Mc)^2} q_\mu q_\nu + \frac{W_5}{(Mc)^2} (p_\mu q_\nu + p_\nu q_\mu)$ 0

With  $q_{\mu}W^{\mu\nu}=0$ 0

• We get: 
$$W_4 = \frac{(Mc)^2}{q^2}W_1 + \left(\frac{p \cdot q}{q^2}\right)^2 W_2$$
  $W_5 = -\frac{q \cdot p}{q^2}W_2$ 

• Therefore: 
$$W_{\mu\nu,\,\text{proton}} = W_1 \left( -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) + \frac{W_2}{(Mc)^2} \left[ p_\mu + \left( \frac{q \cdot p}{q^2} \right) q_\mu \right] \left[ p_\nu + \left( \frac{q \cdot p}{q^2} \right) q_\nu \right]$$

0 Contraction with leptonic tensor yields:

 $\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE'd\Omega}\right) = \frac{(\alpha\hbar)^2}{4E^2\sin^4(\theta/2)} \left(W_2\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + 2W_1\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)$  $Q^2 = -q^2$  } Negative four-momentum transfer squared! •  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are functions of  $q^2$  and  $q \cdot p$  $x \equiv \frac{Q^2}{2q \cdot p}$ 

•  $G_F$  and  $G_M$  are functions of  $q^2$  only!

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Note:

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Bjorken scaling variable

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### **DIS Process Description**

#### Summary

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} \cdot \cos^2(\theta/2) \qquad \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} = \frac{4\alpha^2 {E'}^2}{q^4}$$



#### General considerations

$$e(k) + P(p) \to l(k') + X(p')$$

• Four vectors: 
$$k, p, k', p'$$

- Neutral current exchange (NC):  $\gamma^*, Z^0$
- Charged current exchange (CC):  $W^{\pm}$
- Measurement of structure functions:
  - O NC: Scattered electron and/or hadronic final state
  - CC: Hadronic final state (neutrino escapes detection)



Determine kinematics!



#### Kinematic variables (1)

O Mandelstam variables:

0 s,t,u

O Centre-of-mass energy:  $\sqrt{s}$ 

$$s = (k+p)^2 \simeq 4E_e E_P$$
  

$$t = (p-p')^2$$
  

$$u = (k'-p)^2$$

$$Q^{2} = -(k - k')^{2} = -(p - p')^{2} = -t = -q^{2}$$

#### **O** Q<sup>2</sup>

• Negative square of the momentum transfer q

O Determines wavelength of photon and therefore the size  $\Delta$  which can be resolved

O Q
$$^2_{\max}$$
 = s  $x = -\frac{Q^2}{2(p \cdot q)} \simeq -\frac{t}{u+s} \quad 0 \leq x \leq s$ 

#### 0 x

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• Bjorken scaling variable: Fraction of the proton momentum carried by the struck parton (Quark-Parton model)!

'≃' …refers to the case where masses are ignored!

- W<sup>2</sup>
  - O Invariant mass squared of the hadronic final state system
  - O Small x refers to large  $W^2$

$$W^{2} = (p+q)^{2} = (p')^{2} = m_{p}^{2} + \frac{Q^{2}}{x}(1-x) \simeq s+t+u$$



#### C Kinematic variables (2)

$$\nu = \frac{p \cdot q}{m_p}$$

$$\nu = \frac{p \cdot q}{m_p} = \frac{m_p(E_e - E'_e)}{m_p} = (E_e - E'_e)$$

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• Fraction of the incoming electron carried by the exchanged gauge boson also known as inelasticity in the proton rest

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k} \simeq \frac{u + s}{s} \qquad 0 \le y \le 1$$

#### **O** †

O Momentum transfer at the hadronic vertex

$$t = (p - p')^2$$

• Note the above variables are connected by:

$$Q^2 \simeq s \cdot x \cdot y$$

- For fixed x and y, ep collider allows to reach much large values in Q2
- For fixed y and Q2, ep collider allows to reach much smaller values in x



$$k = \begin{pmatrix} E_e \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -E_e \end{pmatrix} p = \begin{pmatrix} E_P \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ E_P \end{pmatrix}$$

$$k' = \begin{pmatrix} E'_e \sin \theta'_e \cos \phi'_e \\ E'_e \sin \theta'_e \sin \phi'_e \\ E'_e \cos \theta'_e \end{pmatrix} p' = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_h E_h \\ \sum_h p_{X,h} \\ \sum_h p_{Y,h} \\ h p_{Z,h} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_e = \frac{Q_e^2}{sy_e} = \frac{E'_e \cos^2 \frac{\theta'_e}{2}}{E_p(1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \sin^2 \frac{\theta'_e}{2})}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_e = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{2E_e}(1 - \cos \theta'_e) = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \sin^2 \frac{\theta'_e}{2}$$

$$Q_e^2 = 2E_e E'_e(1 + \cos \theta'_e) = 4E_e E'_e \cos^2 \frac{\theta'_e}{2} = \frac{p_{T,e}^2}{1 - y_e}$$



- Collider kinematics (2)
  - Electron method: scattered electron



$$x_e = \frac{Q_e^2}{sy_e} = \frac{E'_e \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)}{E_p \left(1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)\right)}$$

#### • Jacquet-Blondel method: hadronic final state

$$y_{e} = 1 - \frac{E'_{e}}{2E_{e}} (1 - \cos \theta'_{e}) = 1 - \frac{E'_{e}}{E_{e}} \sin^{2} \left(\frac{\theta'_{e}}{2}\right) \qquad x_{JB} = \frac{Q_{JB}^{2}}{sy_{JB}}$$

$$p_{T,h}^{2} = \left(\sum_{h} p_{x,h}\right)^{2} + \left(\sum_{h} p_{y,h}\right)^{2}$$

$$Q_{e}^{2} = 2E_{e}E'_{e} (1 + \cos \theta'_{e}) = 4E_{e}E'_{e} \cos^{2} \left(\frac{\theta'_{e}}{2}\right) = \frac{p_{T,e}^{2}}{1 - y_{e}} \qquad y_{JB} = \frac{(E - p_{z})_{h}}{2E_{e}} \qquad (E - p_{z})_{h} = \sum_{h} (E_{h} - p_{z,h})$$

$$Q_{JB}^{2} = \frac{p_{T,h}^{2}}{1 - y_{JB}} \qquad (E - p_{z})_{h} = \sum_{h} (E_{h} - p_{z,h})$$





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### Collider kinematics (4)

• Low-x-low Q<sup>2</sup>: Electron and current jet (low energy) predominantly in rear direction

High-x-low Q<sup>2</sup>:
 Electron in rear and
 current jet (High
 energy) in forward
 direction



• High-x-high  $Q^2$ : Electron predominantly in barrel/forward direction (High energy) and current jet in forward direction (High energy)  $Q^2 = 361 GeV^2$  x = 0.45 $E'_e = 18 GeV$  F = 104 GeV $\vartheta'_e = 90^\circ \quad \vartheta_h = 10^\circ$ 

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#### Collider kinematics (5)

• Electron method: scattered electron

$$\left(\frac{\delta x_e}{x_e}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{y_e}\right) \frac{\delta E'_e}{E'_e} \otimes \left[\frac{x_e}{E_e/E_p} - 1\right] \tan\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right) \delta \theta'_e$$

$$\left(\frac{\delta y_e}{y_e}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{y_e}\right) \frac{\delta E'_e}{E'_e} \otimes \left[\frac{1}{y_e} - 1\right] \cot\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right) \delta \theta'_e$$

$$F = \frac{p_{T,h}^2 + (E - p_z)_h^2}{2(E - p_z)_h}$$

$$rac{\gamma}{E_p} \quad \cot \gamma = \frac{p_{T,h}^2 - (E - p_z)_h^2}{p_{T,h}^2 + (E - p_z)_h^2}$$

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 $\left(\frac{\delta Q_e^2}{Q_e^2}\right) = \frac{\delta E_e'}{E_e'} \otimes \tan\left(\frac{\theta_e'}{2}\right) \delta \theta_e'$ 

• Jacquet-Blondel method: hadronic final state

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$$\left(\frac{\delta x_{JB}}{x_{JB}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - y_{JB}}\right)\frac{\delta F}{F} \otimes \left[2\cot\gamma + \left(\frac{2y_{JB} - 1}{1 - y_{JB}}\right)\cot\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\right]\delta\gamma$$

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$$\left(\frac{\delta Q_{JB}^2}{Q_{JB}^2}\right) = \left(\frac{2 - y_{JB}}{1 - y_{JB}}\right) \frac{\delta F}{F} \otimes \left[2\cot\gamma + \left(\frac{y_{JB}}{1 - y_{JB}}\right)\cot\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\right]\delta\gamma$$



- Relativistic Invariant Cross-Section
  - In terms of laboratory variables:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} \cdot \cos^2(\theta/2)$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE'd\Omega}\right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} \left\{ W_2(Q^2, x) + 2W_1(Q^2, x)\tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right\} \quad \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} = \frac{4\alpha^2 {E'}^2}{q^4}$$

• Formulate this now in relativistic invariant quantities:

$$\theta'_e, E'_e \to y_e, Q^2_e$$

• Instead of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , use:  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ :

$$F_{1} = m_{p}W_{1} \qquad F_{2} = \nu W_{2} \qquad \text{Longitudinal structure}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dydQ^{2}}\right) = \frac{2\pi\alpha^{2}Y_{+}}{yQ^{4}}\left(F_{2} - \frac{y^{2}}{Y_{+}}F_{L}\right) \qquad F_{L} = F_{2} - 2xF_{1}$$

$$Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$$



## **DIS Structure Function Measurements**

### Essential idea



 Determination of kinematics (e.g. electron method):



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# **DIS Structure Function Measurements**





Discovery of asymptotic freedom in the theory of strong interaction (Quantum Chromo Dynamics): Nobel prize in physics

2004







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ep detector system: Here ZEUS Detector



Central-Tracking detector:

 $\frac{\delta p_T}{p_T} = 0.0059 \, p_T \, \otimes \, 0.0065$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  Inside superconducting solenoid of 1.43T
- Uranium calorimeter (barrel, rear and forward sections):
  - electromagnetic part:

$$\frac{\delta E}{E} = \frac{18\%}{\sqrt{E}}$$

- hadronic part:

$$\frac{\delta E}{E} = \frac{35\%}{\sqrt{E}}$$

• Muon detection system in barrel, rear and forward direction



### ZEUS detector - Kinematic variable measurement



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- Connection of DIS cross-section and Dirac / Mott / Rutherford cross-sections
- Collider kinematics: Reconstruction of kinematics through electron or hadron method or combination of both

Literature:

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Textbook on DIS: Robin Devenish and Amanda Cooper-Sarkar - Deep Inelastic Scattering



### Basic aspects of scattering theory (1)

• Scattering process: 
$$a_1(p_1) + \ldots + a_n(p_n) \rightarrow b_1(p'_1) + \ldots + b'_m(p'_m)$$

• Initial state: 
$$\lim_{t \to -\infty} |t\rangle = |i\rangle = |a_1(p_1) + \ldots + a_n(p_n)\rangle$$

• Final state: 
$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} |t\rangle = |f\rangle = |b_1(p_1') + \ldots + b_m'(p_m')\rangle$$

• Scattering amplitude:  $S_{fi} = \langle b_1(p'_1) + \ldots + b'_m(p'_m) | S | a_1(p_1) + \ldots + a_n(p_n) \rangle$ 

$$\sum_{f} |\langle f|S|i\rangle|^{2} = \sum_{f} \langle i|S^{\dagger}|f\rangle \langle f|S|i\rangle = \langle i|S^{\dagger}S|i\rangle = 1$$

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### Basic aspects of scattering theory (2)



#### Note:

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 $p_i = (E_i/c, \vec{p_i})$  Four-momentum of the i<sup>th</sup> particle

Statistical factor: 1/j! for each group of j identical particles in the final state



- Basic aspects of scattering theory (3)
  - Amplitude: Electron-Mass M (Spin 1/2) Particle scattering: Dirac scattering

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \frac{8g_e^4}{(p_1 - p_3)^4} \times [(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3) - (p_1 \cdot p_3)(Mc)^2 - (p_2 \cdot p_4)(mc)^2 + 2(mMc^2)^2]$$

Momentum transfer:  $q=\left(p_{1}-p_{3}
ight)$ 

• Approximation:

- ${\rm O}\,$  Laboratory frame with the target particle of mass M at rest
- O Electron with energy E scatters at an angle emerging with energy E'
- O Assumption: E,E' >> mc<sup>2</sup> (m=0)

• Spin averaged amplitude:

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \frac{(4\pi)^2 \alpha^2 c^2 (2Mc)^2}{4EE' \sin^4(\theta/2)} \left\{ \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \frac{q^2}{2M^2 c^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right\}$$



O Cross-section result:

 $\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{g_e^2 M c}{\vec{p}^2 \sin^2(\theta/2)}\right)^2 \left((mc)^2 + \vec{p}^2 \cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right)_{\mathbb{N}}$ 

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\hbar}{8\pi Mc}\right)^2 \langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle \leftarrow$ 

Impact of target spin for very heavy target drops out: Mott cross section: Scattering of spin 1/2 particle on heavy spin 0 heavy target

> Spin-averaged matrix element squared and cross-section for: M >> m

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\alpha\hbar}{2\vec{p}^2\sin^2(\theta/2)}\right)^2 \left((mc)^2 + \vec{p}^2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

Mott cross-section



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Mott Cross-Section (2)

• Further simplification: m=0

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\alpha\hbar}{2\bar{p}^{2}\sin^{2}(\theta/2)}\right)^{2}\bar{p}^{2}\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad E' = |\vec{p}|c \qquad Q^{2} = -q^{2} = -(p_{1} - p_{3})^{2} = 4\bar{p}^{2}\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \frac{4\alpha^{2}\hbar^{2}E'^{2}}{q^{4}c^{2}}\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2}$$
Multiply by q<sup>2</sup>:
$$q^{2}\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = (\alpha\hbar)^{2}\frac{\cos^{2}(\theta/2)}{\sin^{2}(\theta/2)}$$
Rutherford cross section!
Scaling behavior!



### Rutherford scattering (1)

• Non-relativistic limit: Incident electron is non-relativistic  $\ensuremath{\bar{p}}^2 \ll (mc)^2$ 





### Rutherford scattering (2)

• In natural units:

$$\hbar = c = 1$$
  $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{q^4}$ 

O Note:

- The Rutherford cross section is obtained from the Mott cross section assuming we are working in the non-relativistic limit:
  - $\Rightarrow$  Spin effects of probe and target particle are negligible!

• The Mott cross section is obtained for the case of a target particle at rest (Heavy target): No recoil!

 $\Rightarrow$  Impact of spin 1/2 of probe particle taken into account - Spin effects of target particle negligible: Result is identical to scattering of spin 1/2 on spin 0 target!

• Difference between Rutherford and Mott cross section:  $\cos^2(\theta/2)$  factor

• Factor is a consequence of angular momentum conservation:

 $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$ 

• Helicity conservation for massless particles ( $\beta \rightarrow 1$ ): Scattering by 180° requires spin flip (Impossible for spin 0 target)!